

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 ADDIS 05553 121107Z

43

ACTION AF-06

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SCS-03 INR-07 H-02 L-02 SS-15 NSC-05

PA-01 PRS-01 USIA-06 SCA-01 SY-05 /055 W

----- 099438

R 120939Z MAY 75

FM AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4411

C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 5553

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINTS, PFOR, CASC, ET, US (HANNA, RICHARD)

SUBJECT: DETENTION OF RICHARD HANNA

REFS: (C) ADDIS 5180; (B) STATE 101814

1. STRONG NOTE ALONG LINES REFTTEL, INCLUDING REQUEST FOR MEETING WITH PMAC CHAIRMAN TEFERI BANTE, DELIVERED MAY 6 TO MOFA BY DCM WYMAN WHO ORALLY ADDED POINTS ABOUT SENATORIAL INTEREST AND PROBLEMS IF CASE BECOMES PUBLIC.

2. ON MAY 8 I REINFORCED ALL POINTS IN A PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH FONMIN KIFLE, WHO RECENTLY RETURNED FROM 12-DAY WEST AFRICA TRIP. KIFLE SAID HE BELIEVED MATTER WOULD BE SATISFACTORILY SETTLED VERY SOON. HE INTENDED TO SEE CHAIRMAN TEFERI WITHIN TWO DAYS TO BRING OUR MAY 6 NOTE TO HIS ATTENTION. I STRONGLY URGED QUICK ACTION.

3. ON MAY 11 I TOOK OPPORTUNITY AT SPRRTS EVENT TO DISCUSS HANNA CASE PRIVATELY WITH HAIRMAN TEFERI, TEFERI SAID HE HAD SEEN MAY 6 NOTE AND WAS GIVING IT HIS PERSONAL ATTENTION. HE ASSERTED THAT CHARGES HAD IN FACT BEEN PLACED AGAINST HANNA, SO THERE WAS NO VIOLATION OF AER TREATY. I SAID OUR INFORMATION WAS DIFFERENT AND THAT MATTER HAS ASSUMED SERIOUS PROPORTIONS IN WASHINGTON, WITH RISING CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST. HE SAID CHARGES AGAINST HANNA HAD NOT BEEN PRESSED BECAUSE OF GOE DESIRE NOT TO MAKE DIFFICULTIES FOR US-ETHIOPIAN FRIENDSHIP,
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 ADDIS 05553 121107Z

ALTHOUGH IT HAD NOT BEEN EASY TO BE LENIENT BECAUSE OF

"THE ATTITUDES OF SOME PEOPLE IN GOVERNMENT" (CLEARLY IMPLYING HOSTILITY AMONG SOEM DIRG MEMBERS). I SAID WE TOO WISHED TO CONTINUE SMOOTH AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS BUT THAT QUICK ACTION ON HANNA CASE WOULD BE NEEDED, OTHERWISE RELATIONS WOULD BE DAMAGE.

4. TEFERI SAID HE BELIEVED CASE COULD BE SETTLED QUICKLY, ANT THAT HE WOULD MOVE AS SOON AS HE COULD. I PRESSED HIM FOR ESTIMATE AND HE SAID "PROBABLY WITHIN A WEEK."

5. COMMENT: HANNA HAS BEEN TOLD THAT MATTER HAS BEEN ESCALATED TO HIGHER LEVELS AND FOR TIME BEING HE IS IN MUCH BETTER SPIRITS. HE NOW SPENDS NEARLY EVERY DAY AT HIS APARTMENT PACKING FOR DEPARTURE, BUT IS RETURNED TO DETENTION AT NIGHT. WE TAKE SERIOUSLY FONMIN KIFLE'S AND PMAC CHAIRMAN'S EXPRESSED HOPES AND DESIRES FOR SMOOTH SETTLEMENT OF CASE AND BELIEVE CHANCES ARE THAT SATISFACTORY SOLUTION WILL RESULT: I.E. DEPARTURE OF HANNA FROM COUNTRY. HOWEVER ON PAST PERFORMANCE WE CANNOT BET ON TIMING OF "PROBABLY WITHIN A WEEK."
HUMMEL

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: DETENTION, CITIZEN PROTECTION, DIPLOMATIC PROTESTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 12 MAY 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: GolinoFR
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975ADDIS05553
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750165-0619
From: ADDIS ABABA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750559/aaaacbf.tel
Line Count: 82
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION AF
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 75 ADDIS 5180, 75 STATE 101814
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: GolinoFR
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 25 AUG 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <25 AUG 2003 by BoyleJA>; APPROVED <26 AUG 2003 by GolinoFR>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: DETENTION OF RICHARD HANNA
TAGS: PINS, PFOR, CASC, ET, US, (HANNA, RICHARD)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006